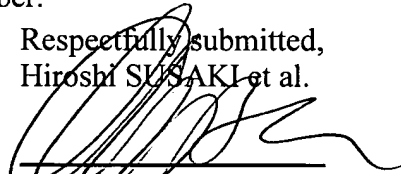


REMARKS

Entry of this amendment is respectfully requested prior to examination of the application and calculation of filing fees. In particular, this amendment is being made to include the amendments to the specification made in patent Application No. 09/807,980, including amendments to the specification to include Sequence ID Nos. in accordance with the Sequence Listing submitted in the patent application, which has been included in the specification as filed.

Should the Examiner have any further comments or questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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